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The **Integrated Award Environment (IAE)** is a program within GSA's Federal Acquisition Service (FAS). We manage the suite of systems that enable people to navigate the federal award lifecycle. The **SAM.gov Update** delivers the latest information about system modernization efforts and other updates to IAE systems.

What do I need to know about the new Unique Entity ID in SAM.gov?

On April 4, 2022, the U.S. government will switch from using the DUNS Number to a new Unique Entity ID (SAM), also known as a UEI. IAE systems such as SAM.gov (entity registration, contract award notification), FPDS.gov, eSRS, FSRS, FAPIIS, and CPARS will require the use of your UEI after April 4, 2022.

All entities wanting to register to do business with the federal government or wanting to get a Unique Entity ID (SAM) only before April 4, 2022, must first obtain a DUNS Number. The DUNS Number is the current unique identifier that the government uses to verify your entity. <u>FSD.gov</u> has a new button on the home page that opens a <u>list of help resources</u> for the UEI transition.

RECAP: August 12, 2021 IAE Stakeholder Forum

Thank you, SAM.gov stakeholders, for joining our recent forum hosted by GSA's Integrated Award Environment (IAE) the transition to the new Unique Entity ID (SAM). To view our slides, written answers to stakeholder questions, and a recording of the event, <u>please visit our space on Interact</u>.

What's new in SAM.gov

Integrating beta.SAM.gov and SAM.gov on May 24th was certainly the biggest change we made this year but did you know we've continued to deliver incremental improvements over the past few months? Here's a recap of some of the recent changes.

Request controlled attachments on notices: Now, when you request access to controlled attachments, you can submit one request for all controlled attachments for the entire notice. If you want only to request access to a specific attachment, you can still do that, too.

Shorter wait when searching by CAGE code: As of June 2021, if you're searching the Entity Status Tracker by CAGE Code, you should notice the search results come up faster. We updated the system's back end; there is no other noticeable difference in how you track entity status.

Expanded permissions now available for federal roles: As of August 2021, if you're a federal user, you can request permission to view TIN, FOUO Data, and entity reports as part of multiple roles. You can still request the stand-alone "FOUO Entity Management Data Viewer" and "Sensitive Entity Management Data Viewer" roles to access this data.





What's new for Administrators in SAM.gov

If you have an administrator role in SAM.gov, you should know about some recent updates.

New Federal Hierarchy Filter: As of June 2021, if you manage the federal hierarchy for your agency, a new filter is now available for the Federal Hierarchy. You can use the "Offices" filter under "Organization" on the results page to filter by office within the federal hierarchy widget. Filter by entity or user: If you are a non-federal entity administrator, as of July 2021, you can now filter by entity or user on the main user directory in the main Workspace page. Role assignment and management improvements: SAM.gov will cancel and remove duplicate pending requests to the same domain and organization when you assign a role. We've added validations to restrict users to one role request per domain. And, you can now see and evaluate the comments submitted by the requestor while reviewing the role request.

What's new in Reports in SAM.gov

If you use reports in SAM.gov, we've made some recent updates.

List of FPDS Users Report: The new List of FPDS Users Report is an administrative report allowing Administrators in the contract data domain (or those with administrative report permission) to access the information of FPDS.gov users through FPDS.gov live users data. If you have the above role, you can find this new report in the contract data domain of SAM.gov DataBank as of June 2021.

FY20 Small Business Goaling Report: As of July 2021, you can view the FY20 Small Business Goaling Report, per the SBA's instructions. This department-level report displays small business data for the fiscal year 2020 by funding/contracting agency.

USMCA and GPA Trade Agreement Report: You may know that the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) replaced the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on July 1, 2020. You can now use a new USMCA and GPA Trade Agreement Report to retrieve contract information covered by the USMCA and GPA trade agreements as of the end of July.

What's new for Exclusions and Wage Determinations

If you use exclusions and wage determinations in SAM.gov, here are some recent updates.





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Exclusions: As of June 2021, you can search by "Individual Name" in the Entity Name search field of the exclusions domain to find related exclusions in the SAM.gov search. Also, in response to your feedback, we reviewed the emails that points of contact were receiving about exclusion verification. To reduce confusion, we simplified the instructions in the "Verify Agency Exclusion" email.

Wage Determinations: Even-numbered Service Contract Act Wage Determinations have been removed. You can obtain even-numbered Service Contract Act (SCA) Wage determinations using the Department of Labor's E98 process. You can still see odd-numbered SCA wage determinations through the main public search.

Notifications and Alerts: As of June 2021, alerts do not appear in the Notification area of the site. This area will now be used only for subscriptions. You can continue to access system alerts at any time through the SAM.gov footer link for Alerts.

What's Coming Soon in SAM.gov

Let's talk about what's coming in the future to SAM.gov.

CAGE Code requirements change for some entities: As of October 21, 2021, some entities will no longer be assigned a CAGE code at registration, per the Office of Management and Budget's Office of Federal Financial Management. Go to our <u>blog on Interact</u> to learn about the new criteria for no longer receiving a CAGE Code.

New medical category: On October 30, 2021, a new medical category, Product Service Code (PSC) 6632 Analysis Instruments, Medical Laboratory Use, will appear in the public PSC API; SAM.gov displays and data entry; and FPDS. Acquisition.gov will update the manual and category alignment documents to reflect this addition.

Now calling testers! Share your thoughts on SAM.gov and see what's being enhanced. Your input is the best way for us to know how SAM.gov is working! You can now sign up to test features of the site during usability and alpha testing. 85 federal and non-federal SAM.gov users, just like you, have participated in SAM.gov tests over the last several months. The feedback we received will continue to be incorporated into upcoming releases.

